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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, An illustrious and well-respected Member of this Body, Representative Jack R. Hawkins of Groesbeck, is completing eight years of remarkable service with the Texas House of Representatives after the adjournment of the 62nd Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Born on September 1, 1905, in Stephenville, Texas, he is the youngest of five children born to Wade Hampton and Mattie Ware Hawkins; after attending Stephenville public schools and Tarleton State College, he followed his father in the newspaper business; and

WHEREAS, Since February 27, 1930, this distinguished journalist has been owner, publisher, and editor of The Groesbeck Journal; on January 23, 1931, he was married to the former Miss Euleta Sharp, a Groesbeck school teacher who immediately joined the Journal staff and became recognized as an outstanding newspaperwoman; and

WHEREAS, "The Sage of the Navasota", as he has come to be known, has been active in political affairs for as long as many people can remember; he is a former member of the Groesbeck School Board and the Groesbeck City Council, as well as past Democratic Chairman of Limestone County; and

WHEREAS, This dedicated public figure served for 10 years, from 1949 to 1959, as a member of the State Board of Education before being elected in 1964 as a Member of the House of Representatives of the 59th Legislature; as an expression of confidence in his abilities, the people of his constituency reelected him to the House in 1966, 1968, and 1970; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure in the House, "The Sage of the Navasota" was admired not only for his dedication and integrity as a legislator, but for his incomparable wit and oratory; at the close of each session he gives a humorous, but instructive, narrative speech which makes a play on the name of every one of his legislative colleagues, and this speech by Representatives Hawkins has become an entertaining and traditional highlight of each session; and

WHEREAS, Even during his legislative service this well-liked Member has remained active in professional and civic organizations; he is a past president of the Groesbeck Lions Club, the Groesbeck Chamber of Commerce, and the North and East Texas Press Association; he is also a member of the Texas Press Association, which he has served as a member of the board of directors; and

WHEREAS, A leading member of the First Baptist Church of Groesbeck, which he serves as a Sunday School teacher, he is also a veteran, having served as a captain in the Texas State Guard during World War II and in the Texas National Guard; and

WHEREAS, The rest of Representative Hawkins' family is talented also: his son Jack Wade Hawkins is a successful lawyer, and his other son, Thomas Earl Hawkins, is following a promising

1 newspaper career at The Groesbeck Journal, while his daughter,  
2 Martha Elizabeth (Mrs. Jack Stone) is a dedicated wife, mother,  
3 and school teacher; and

4 WHEREAS, This Central Texas legislator's colleagues in the  
5 House will miss him greatly as he returns to private life, and  
6 his ability, his dedication, and his wit will continue to inspire  
7 Members of this Body; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
9 62nd Legislature, 3rd Called Session, commend  
10 Representative Jack R. Hawkins of Groesbeck on the completion of  
11 four brilliant terms as a Member of this Body and extend good  
12 wishes to him for success in the future; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, under the Seal of  
14 the Texas House of Representatives, be prepared for "The Sage  
15 of the Navasota" as a token of esteem from his legislative  
16 colleagues and as a remembrance from the many close friends he  
17 has made during his distinguished terms of service.

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Add names of all members

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*Dorothy Hallman*

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

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HOUSE SIMPLE RESOLUTION

congratulating the Honorable Jack R. Hawkins.

DATE JUL 7 1972

READ AND ADOPTED

Dorothy Hallman  
CHIEF CLERK  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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